TROPICAL ATMOSPHERE-OCEAN (TAO) PROGRAM FINAL CRUISE REPORT

KA-09-03

Area: Equatorial Pacific between 9°N and 5°S latitude along 140°W Longitude and 8°S to 8°N

Latitude along 125°W Longitude.

<u>Itinerary:</u>

KA-09-02 DEP June 14, 2009 Honolulu, HI

ARR July 10, 2009 Honolulu, HI

CRUISE DESCRIPTION

The Tropical Atmosphere Ocean (TAO) array consists of 70 buoys utilizing a taut line mooring configuration used to mount data collection sensors for climate research purposes. Fifteen buoys are serviced by JAMSTEC and the remaining 55 buoys from 95°W longitude to 165°E longitude are serviced by National Data Buoy Center (NDBC). Repair and maintenance of the buoys is performed by NDBC contracted personnel on an annual basis utilizing the NOAA Ship *Ka'imimoana* and other ships. The buoys' deployment lifecycle are up to 18 months to ensure at least one year of data collection can be completed.

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TAO Cruise Objective and Plan:

The objective of this cruise was the maintenance of the TAO Array along the 140°W and 125° W meridians.

The scientific complement for the cruise embarked at *Honolulu*, *HI* on *August 23*, 2009. The ship departed on *August 24*, 2009 and conducted operations as listed in Section 2.1. The ship arrived in *Honolulu*, *HI* on *September 24*, 2009.

1.0 **PERSONNEL**

1.1 <u>CRUISE LEAD AND PARTICIPATING SCIENTISTS</u>:

<u>Cruise Lead</u>: Leonard Quigley

Participating Scientists:

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2.0 **OPERATIONS**

2.1 TAO Data Recovery Summary

Mooring Operations conducted are shown in the tables below. The following provides details on the data recovery efforts for the buoys serviced. All noted time in the summary reports is Coordinated Universal Time (UTC):

Buoy Site: 9N 140WMooring Depth: 4824mMooring Operation: RecoveryMooring ID#: PM742BDeployed Location: 08 59.755N 140 15.669WDeployed Date: 5/6/2008Recovered Location: 09 00.31N 140 15.8WRecovered Date: 8/30/09

Previous Repair Date: 10/20/2009 Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None

Sensors Damaged/Fouled: Fouled sensors were: SSC SN#12801, 20m T SN#13635, 40m T

SN#12635, and 60m T SN# 12637.

Fishing/Vandalism: None

Sensors/Tubes Downloaded: All sensors downloaded successfully. **General Comments:** Major sea growth on 20m-temperature sensor.

Site Sensor Failures Date Sensors Failed Why Sensors Failed Field Service
Observations

Rain Gauge 2/4/2009 Erratic data. None

Buoy Site: 9N 140WMooring Depth: 4822mMooring Operation: DeploymentMooring ID#: PM838ADeployed Location: 08 59.4N 140 15.4WDeployed Date: 8/30/09

Pre-Deployment On Deck Instrument Failures: None

Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None

Sensors Damaged During Deployment: None

General Comments: None

Buoy Site: 5N 140WRepair Date: 9/1/09Mooring Depth: 4483mMooring Operation: RepairMooring ID#: PM783BDeployed Location: 04 58.5N 139.57.5WDeployed Date: 10/23/08

Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: Anemometer SN# 80476

Sensors Damaged/Fouled: Anemometer

Fishing Vandalism: None.

Sensors/Tubes Downloaded: Tube downloaded

General Comments: Installed new anemometer and an SSC.

Site Sensor Failures Date Sensors Failed Why Sensors Failed Field Service

Observations

Anemometer 12/11/2008 Speed went to zero. Anemometer missing.

Buoy Site: 2N 140W **Repair Date:** 9/2/09 **Mooring Depth:** 4370m **Mooring Operation:** Repair **Mooring ID#:** PM785B **Deployed Location:** 01 58.5N 140 00.329W **Deployed Date:** 10/25/08

Repair Location: 01 59.446N 140 02.353W Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None.

Sensors Damaged/Fouled: None.

Fishing Vandalism: None.

Sensors/Tubes Downloaded: Tube downloaded **General Comments:** Exchanged the AT/RH sensor.

Site Sensor Failures Date Sensors Failed Why Sensors Failed Field Service

Observations

ATRH 2/17/08 data missing None

Buoy Site: 0N 140W ADCP	Mooring Depth: 4314m
Mooring Operation: Recovery	Mooring ID#: CA014

Deployed Location: 00 03.3710N 140 03.51W	Deployed Date: 10/26/08	
Recovered Location: 00 03.3710N 140 03.51W Recovered Date: 9/2/09		
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None		
Sensors Damaged/Fouled: None		
Fishing/Vandalism: None		
Sensors Downloaded: ADCP not downloaded at sea.		
General Comments: RF transmitter was flooded.		

Buoy Site: 0N 140W ADCP	Mooring Depth: 4317m	
Mooring Operation: Deployment	Mooring ID#: CA015	
Deployed Location: 00 02.007N 140 02.554W	Deployed Date: 9/3/09	
Pre-Deployment On Deck Instrument Failures: None.		
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None.		
Sensors Damaged During Deployment: None.		
General Comments: None.		

Buoy Site: 0 140W		Mooring Depth: 435	50m	
Mooring Operation: Recovery		Mooring ID#: PM74	13B	
Deployed Location: 0	0 00.08N 139 52.31W	Deployed Date: 5/10)/08	
Recovered Location: (00 00.15S 139 51.39W	Recovered Date: 9/4	Recovered Date: 9/4/09	
Previous Repair Date:	Previous Repair Date: 10/26/08			
Sensors/Equipment L	ost at Sea: TP300 SN#1	2104 and TP500 SN#12	112	
Sensors Damaged/Fou	iled: SSC missing upper	poison puck.		
Fishing/Vandalism: Yes, buoy dragged off station				
Sensors/Tubes Not Downloaded: TV12687 No comms, TP300 SN#12104 and TP500				
SN#12112 Lost at Sea, all other sensors were successfully downloaded.				
General Comments: TV SN# 12687 was disconnected from Sontek SN# D506			# D506	
Site Sensor Failures	Date Sensors Failed	Why Sensors Failed	Field Service	
			Observations	
Buoy	12/28/2008	Buoy moved off	None	
		station.		

Buoy Site: 0 140W	Mooring Depth: 4352m	
Mooring Operation: Deployment	Mooring ID#: PM843A	
Deployed Location: 00 00.15S 139 51.39W Deployed Date: 9/4/2009		
Pre-Deployment On Deck Instrument Failures: None		
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None		
Sensors Damaged During Deployment: None		
General Comments: None		

Buoy Site: 2S 140W		Mooring Depth: 43	15m	
Mooring Operation: R	Refresh Recovery	Mooring ID#: KA08	Mooring ID#: KA0803-THS003B	
Deployed Location: 1	58.8S 139 57.3W	Deployed Date: 5/12	2/2008	
Recovered Location: (0159.096S 13957.675W	Recovered Date: 9/5	5/2009	
Previous Repair Date:	10/27/2008			
Sensors/Equipment Lo	ost at Sea: None			
Sensors Damaged/Fou	led: SSC			
Fishing/Vandalism: N	one			
Sensors/Tubes Downloaded: All sensors downloaded successfully.				
General Comments: H	leavy sea growth on the S	SSC sensor.		
Site Sensor Failures	Date Sensors Failed	Why Sensors Failed	Field Service	
			Observations	
Relative Humidity	5/12/2008	Data too low.	None	
All subsurface except	5/12/2008	No data from	Top section severed	
SSC		inductive line.		
Air Temperature	2/2/2009	Data too low.	None	

Buoy Site: 2S 140W	Mooring Depth: 4321m	
Mooring Operation: Visit	Mooring ID#: PM786A	
Deployed Location: 2 02.1S 140 00.3W	Deployed Date: 10/28/2008	
Visit Location: 2 02.1S 140 01.0W	Visit Date: 9/5/2009	
Previous Repair Date: None		
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None		
Sensors Damaged/Fouled: None.		
Fishing/Vandalism: None		
General Comments: Visit only. Buoy riding well in the water.		

Buoy Site: 5S 140W	Mooring Depth: 4357m	
Mooring Operation: Refresh Deployment	Mooring ID#: DM005	
Deployed Location: 04 57.8S 139 54.2W	Deployed Date: 9/5/2009	
Pre-Deployment On Deck Instrument Failures: None		
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None		
Sensors Damaged: None		
General Comments: None		

Buoy Site: 5S 140W	Mooring Depth: 4360m
Mooring Operation: Recovery	Mooring ID#: PM744A
Deployed Location: 04 59.9S 139 54.6W	Deployed Date: 5/13/2008

Recovered Location: 04 58.62S 139.55.75W Recovered Date: 9/5/09

Previous Repair Date: None.

Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: 180m T SN#12945

Sensors Damaged/Fouled: None.

Fishing/Vandalism: Possible

Sensors/Tubes Downloaded: All sensors except 180m T SN#12945 were downloaded successfully.

General Comments: Some chaffing on tower mounts, presuming wire rope.

Site Sensor Failures Date Sensors Failed Why Sensors Failed Field Service Observations

None

Buoy Site: 5S 140W	Mooring Depth: 4360m	
Mooring Operation: Deployment	Mooring ID#: PM845A	
Deployed Location: 05 00.1S 139 54.1W	Deployed Date: 9/6/2009	
Pre-Deployment On Deck Instrument Failures: None.		
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None		
Sensors Damaged: None		
General Comments: None.		

Buoy Site: 5S 140W	Mooring Depth: 4360m	
Mooring Operation: Deployment	Mooring ID#: PM845A	
Deployed Location: 05 00.1S 139 54.1W	Deployed Date: 9/6/2009	
Pre-Deployment On Deck Instrument Failures: None.		
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None		
Sensors Damaged: None		
General Comments: None.		

Buoy Site: 5S 125W	Mooring Depth:	
Mooring Operation: Recovery	Mooring ID#: PM746A	
Deployed Location: 04 59.1S 124 56.0W	Deployed Date: 5/21/2008	
Recovered Location: 04 59.203S 124 57.390W Recovered Date: 9/11/2009		
Previous Repair Date: None.		
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: 80m T SN# 13364, 120m T SN# 13366		
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Sensors Damaged/Fouled: Fouled sensors are: 1m SSC SN#12808, 20m T SN# 13212 had 20" diameter growth of barnacles, 40m T SN#13213

Fishing/Vandalism: None

Sensors/Tubes Downloaded: 80m T SN# 13364, 120m T SN# 13366 not downloaded. All other sensors were downloaded successfully.

General Comments: None

Site Sensor Failures	Date Sensors Failed	Why Sensors Failed	Field Service Observations
T60m	6/10/2008	Data erratic and too high.	None

Buoy Site: 5S 125W	Mooring Depth: 4543m	
Mooring Operation: Deployment	Mooring ID#: PM847A	
Deployed Location: 04 59.7S 124 55.5W	Deployed Date: 9/11/2009	
Pre-Deployment On Deck Instrument Failures: None.		
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None		
Sensors Damaged: None		
General Comments: None.		

Buoy Site: 2S 125W		Mooring Depth:	
Mooring Operation: R	Recovery	Mooring ID#: PM74	17A
Deployed Location: 0	2 02.052S 124 53.142W	Deployed Date: 5/22	2/2008
Recovered Location: (02 00.429S 124 54.320W	Recovered Date: 9/1	12/2009
Previous Repair Date:	None.		
Sensors/Equipment L	ost at Sea: None.		
Sensors Damaged/Fouled: Fouled sensors are: 1m SSC SN#12803, 20m T SN# 12467, and			
40m T SN# 124640			
Fishing/Vandalism: None			
Sensors/Tubes Downloaded: All sensors downloaded successfully.			
General Comments: Terminal dummy plug missing from tube. 60m T SN#12641 was flooded.			
Site Sensor Failures	Date Sensors Failed	Why Sensors Failed	Field Service
			Observations
Salinity	6/14/2009	Downward drift.	None

Buoy Site: 2S 125W	Mooring Depth: 4757m	
Mooring Operation: Deployment	Mooring ID#: PM848A	
Deployed Location: 02 02.3S 124 53.5W	Deployed Date: 9/12/2009	
Pre-Deployment On Deck Instrument Failures: 120m T SN#12915		
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None.		
Sensors Damaged: None.		
General Comments: None.		

Buoy Site: 0 125W	Repair Date: 9/13/2009	Mooring Depth: 4118m
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Mooring Operation: Repair	Mooring ID#: PM790B
Deployed Location: 00 10.75S 124 23.5W	Deployed Date: 11/12/2008
Repair Location: 0.09 9S124 23 2W	

Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: Anemometer SN#70632

Sensors Damaged/Fouled: Damaged sensors are: Anemometer SN#70632

Fishing Vandalism: Possible.

Sensors/Tubes Downloaded: Tube downloaded.

General Comments: Replaced PCO2 battery pack installed a new anemometer and swapped

the payload tube.

Site Sensor Failures	Date Sensors Failed	Why Sensors Failed	Field Service Observations
Anemometer	7/25/2009	Speed went to zero.	Sensor was ripped off the mast.

Buoy Site: 2N 125W	Mooring Depth:
Mooring Operation: Recovery	Mooring ID#: PM748A
Deployed Location: 01 57.74N 125 03.11W	Deployed Date: 5/23/2008
Recovered Location: 1 58.6N 125 02.8W	Recovered Date: 9/14/2009

Previous Repair Date: None.

Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: 1m SSC SN# 12805, 20m T SN#12970, 300m TP SN#13305

Sensors Damaged/Fouled: None.

Fishing/Vandalism: Nylon chord wrapped around top section and nilspin socket.

Sensors/Tubes Downloaded: 1m SSC SN# 12805, 20m T SN#12970, 40m T SN# 13226 300m

TP SN#13305 not downloaded. All other sensors downloaded successfully.

General Comments: None

Site Sensor Failures	Date Sensors Failed	Why Sensors Failed	Field Service Observations
Salinity	4/24/2009	Data too high.	Fishing vandalism. Fishing gear found near top of the mooring.

Buoy Site: 2N 125W	Mooring Depth: 4709m	
Mooring Operation: Deployment	Mooring ID#: PM851A	
Deployed Location: 01 57.8N 125 02.9W	Deployed Date: 9/15/2009	
Pre-Deployment On Deck Instrument Failures: T2 module failed on deck, replaced with		
spare.		
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None.		
Sensors Damaged: None.		
General Comments: None		

Buoy Site: 5N 125W	Mooring Depth:
Mooring Operation: Recovery	Mooring ID#: PM710B
Deployed Location: 05 04.9N 124 52.8W	Deployed Date: 10/18/2007
Recovered Location: 5 08.9N 124 52.46W	Recovered Date: 9/15/2009

Previous Repair Date: 5/24/2008

Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: Anemometer SN# 80492

Sensors Damaged/Fouled: Anemometer SN# 80492

Fishing/Vandalism: Yes fishing line found between the 4th and 5th spool of nylon.

Sensors/Tubes Not Downloaded: 1m SSC SN#12876 (dead battery), 20m T SN#14261 (no comms), 40m T SN#14262 (no comms) not downloaded. All other sensors downloaded successfully.

General Comments: None.

Site Sensor Failures	Date Sensors Failed	Why Sensors Failed	Field Service Observations
Anemometer	6/18/2008	Speed went to zero.	Ripped off the mast.

Buoy Site: 5N 125W	Mooring Depth: 4373m		
Mooring Operation: Deployment	Mooring ID#: PM852A		
Deployed Location: 05 04.9N 124 52.7W	Deployed Date: 9/16/2009		
Pre-Deployment On Deck Instrument Failures: None.			
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None.			
Sensors Damaged: None.			
General Comments: None.			

Buoy Site: 8N 125W	Mooring Depth:
Mooring Operation: Recovery	Mooring ID#: PM749A
Deployed Location: 8 01.461N 125 01.049W	Deployed Date: 5/25/2008
Recovered Location: 8 02.078N 125 00.8W	Recovered Date: 9/16/2009

Previous Repair Date: None.

Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: Anemometer SN# 80497

Sensors Damaged/Fouled: None.

Fishing/Vandalism: 15 meters of tow line attached, long line gear on Nilspin socket, one of the tower bolts was missing, and the radar reflector was also missing.

Sensors/Tubes Not Downloaded: 40m T SN#13949 (dead battery) not downloaded. All other sensors were downloaded successfully.

General Comments: None

Site Sensor Failures	Date Sensors Failed	Why Sensors Failed	Field Service Observations
Anemometer	8/2/2008	Speed went to zero.	Ripped off the mast.
Buoy	7/7/2009	Transmission failure.	None

Buoy Site: 8N 125W	Mooring Depth: 4659m		
Mooring Operation: Deployment	Mooring ID#: PM854A		
Deployed Location: 8 01.313N 125 00.746W	Deployed Date: 9/17/2009		
Pre-Deployment On Deck Instrument Failures: None.			
Sensors/Equipment Lost at Sea: None			
Sensors Damaged: None			
General Comments: None.			

2.2 CTD Casts Completed

A Sea-Bird 911plus CTD with dual temperature and conductivity sensors was provided by the NMAO. Temperature and conductivity sensors are calibrated yearly at Sea-Bird and sent in for diagnostics as necessary. A Sea-Bird 12-position carousel and twelve 5-liter Niskin bottles were used to collect water samples for the analysis of salinity.

After the eleventh CTD cast, the CTD winch controller had mechanical problems that could not be repaired at sea. Therefore, only 11 CTD casts were performed on this cruise.

The following outlines the CTD casts completed during the cruise:

CTD Operations			
Coordinates	Date	Cast #	Comments
09 02.145N 140 15.716N	8/30/2009	KA30011	3000 m
08 00.141N 140 10.833W	8/31/2009	KA30021	1000m
06 59.996N 140 06.100W	8/31/2009	KA30031	1000m
06 00.535N 140 01.702W	8/31/2009	KA30041	1000m
05 02.197N 139 54.959W	9/1/2009	KA30051	1000m
04 00.929M 139 58.796W	9/1/2009	KA30061	1000m
03 00.388N 139 59.651W	9/1/2009	KA30071	1000m
02 00.964N 140 03.170W	9/2/2009	KA30081	1000m
01 01.356N 140 02.421W	9/2/2009	KA30091	1000m
00 01.802S 139 52.166W	9/4/2009	KA30101	3000m
01 00.639S 139 58.329W	9/4/2009	KA30111	1000m

2.3 Ancillary Science Projects Completed on the Cruise

The following outlines the ancillary science work performed in conjunction with the TAO operations on

the cruise.

Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory (PMEL) Argo Profiling CTD Floats

Three Argo floats were scheduled for deployment on this cruise. The chief scientist verified and briefed the Operations Officer on the deployment positions prior to the start of the cruise. All Argo Float deployments were completed as scheduled.

Questions concerning ARGO Floats should be directed to:

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The following outlines the Argo floats deployed during the cruise:

No Argo floats were deployed during this cruise.

Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory (AMOL) Surface Drifting Floats

Twelve AOML Surface Drifters were scheduled for deployment on this cruise. The chief scientist verified and briefed the Operations Officer on the deployment positions prior to the start of the cruise. All AOML Surface Drifter deployments were completed as scheduled.

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The following outlines the AOML Drifting floats deployed during this cruise:

AOML Floats			
Coordinates	Date	SN#	Comments
04 01.407N 139 58.878W	9/1/2009	78823, 78828	2 Floats were deployed at this location.
02 01.632N 140 03.791W	9/2/2009	78825, 78826	2 Floats were deployed at this location.
00 03.007S 139 52.686W	9/4/2009	78841	
00 03.039S 139 52.705W	9/4/2009	78824	
02 02.618S 140 01.061W	9/5/2009	78844	

02 02.630W 140 01.063W	9/5/2009	78819	
03 59.954S 139 56.126W	9/5/2009	78848	
04 00.015S 139 56.124W	9/5/2009	78842	
03 59.934S 124 55.139W	9/12/2009	78839	
03 59.927S 124 55.139W	9/12/2009	78843	
02 02.287S 12453.537W	9/13/2009	78840,	2 Floats years deployed at this location
02 02.28/S 12453.53/W		78847	2 Floats were deployed at this location
00 09.040S 124 23.917W	9/15/2009	78827	
00 08.993S 124 23.934W	9/15/2009	78822	
01 58.445N 125 02.784W	9/15/2009	78820	
01 58.456N 125 02.771W	9/15/2009	78821	
03 59.947N 124 56.370W	9/15/2009	78845	
03 59.974N 124 56.367W	9/15/2009	78846	

PCO2 and Nitrate Mapping System and Nutrient Samples

Eleven (11) 30ml water samples were collected on this cruise. The chief scientist verified and briefed the Operations Officer on the specifications of the water samples to be collected during CTD casts prior to the start of the cruise. All water samples were collected as scheduled.

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